



**Texas Department of Public Safety  
Texas Division of Emergency Management  
State Situation Report**

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<b>Event Name</b>	18-0022 September Severe Weather Incident
<b>Date</b>	September 16, 2018
<b>Time</b>	7:00 AM
<b>Operational Period</b>	September 15 - September 16, 2018
<b>Report Number</b>	5

<b>Regions Affected</b>	
<b>DPS Regions Affected</b>	2, 3 and 6
<b>DDCs Active</b>	17, 18, 20, 21 and 24

**STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:** Effective at 7:00 PM Saturday, September 15, 2018, the State of Texas State Operations Center (SOC) decreased its response level to level III (Increased Readiness Conditions). The SOC will continue to monitor tropical weather threats that may impact the state and to support any state response requirements that may develop.

On September 14, 2018 Governor Greg Abbott issued a Disaster Declaration in response to the approaching tropical disturbance in the Gulf of Mexico that began on September 7, 2018 and that continues to impact the Texas coast, posing a threat of imminent disaster, including severe flooding, widespread and severe property damage, and loss of life in Aransas, Atascosa, Austin, Bandera, Bastrop, Bee, Bexar, Blanco, Brazoria, Brazos, Brooks, Burleson, Burnet, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cameron, Chambers, Colorado, Comal, DeWitt, Dimmitt, Duval, Edwards, Fayette, Fort Bend, Frio, Galveston, Gillespie, Goliad, Gonzales, Grimes, Guadalupe, Harris, Hays, Hidalgo, Jackson, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kendall, Kenedy, Kerr, Kinney, Kleberg, La Salle, Lavaca, Lee, Liberty, Live Oak, Llano, Madison, Matagorda, Maverick, McMullen, Medina, Montgomery, Nueces, Polk, Real, Refugio, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Starr, Travis, Trinity, Uvalde, Val Verde, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington, Webb, Wharton, Willacy, Williamson, Wilson, Zapata, and Zavala counties.

**OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:**

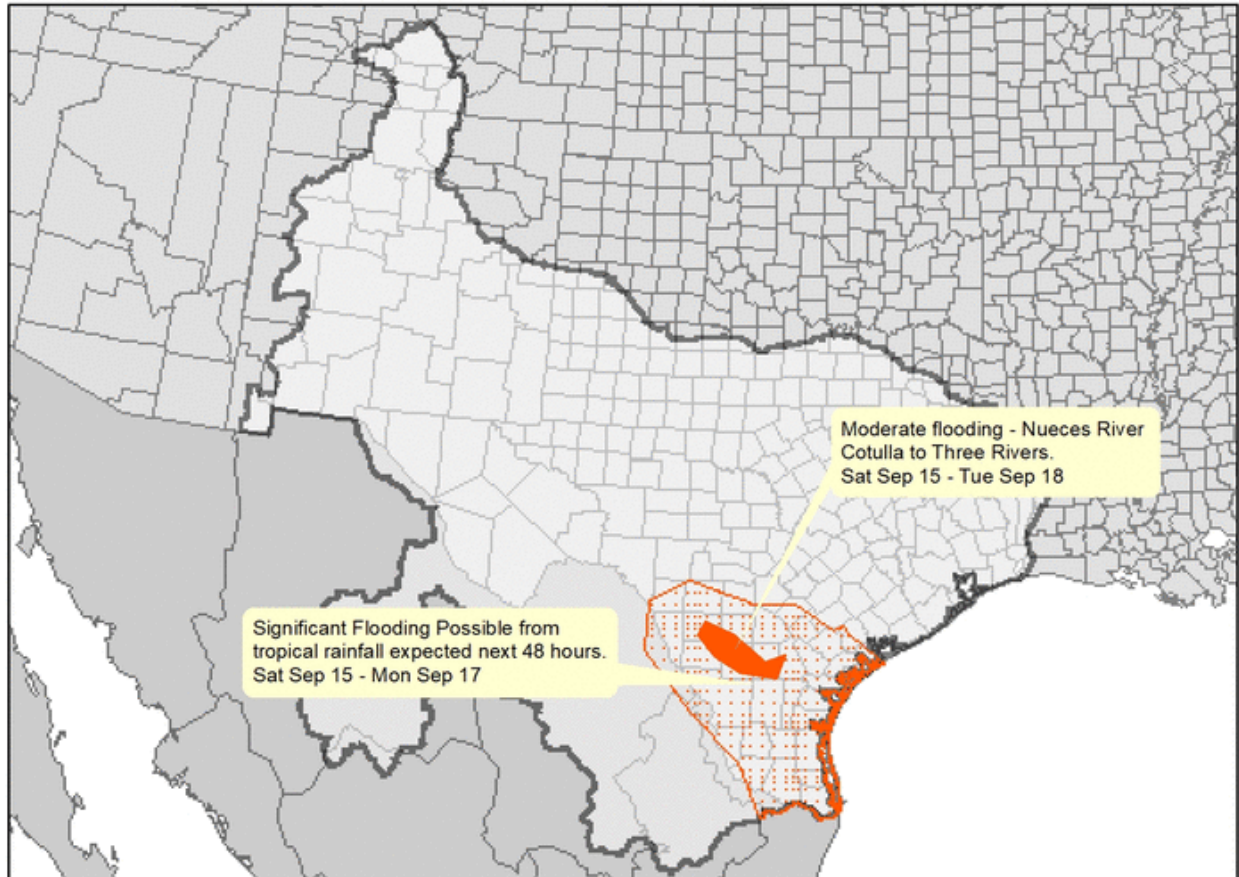
1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.



# Significant River Flood Outlook

Valid: 9/15/2018 - 9/20/2018

West Gulf River Forecast Center 9/15/2018 11:02:45 AM



**SIGNIFICANT RIVER  
FLOODING POSSIBLE.**



**SIGNIFICANT RIVER  
FLOODING LIKELY.**



**SIGNIFICANT RIVER  
FLOODING OCCURRING  
OR IS IMMINENT.**

Significant River Flooding Impacts include:  
Roads adversely affected. Residential,  
commercial, industrial, and/or agricultural  
areas affected. May require evacuation of people.

NOTE: Flash Flooding or Minor River Flooding  
will NOT be included in this outlook.

**Region 2 (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16 Houston, 16 Texas City, 16 Conroe, and 16 Rosenberg)**

**DDC 15 – Beaumont** (Includes: Hardin, Jefferson and Orange Counties) – Orange County EOC remains activated. Jefferson County EOC returned to Level IV (Normal Conditions).

**DDC 16 – Houston** (Includes: Chambers and Harris Counties) – The City of Seabrook EOC remains activated.

**Region 3 (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, and 24)**

**DDC 19 – Laredo** (Includes: Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb and Zapata, Counties) –The City of Roma remains ready to open a community shelter at the local ISD if necessary.

**DDC 20 – Corpus Christi** (Includes: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio and San Patricio Counties) – The DDC remains at Readiness Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions). Nueces County OEM and the Cities of Kingsville and Aransas Pass EOCs remain activated. The shelter in the city of Corpus Christi remains open, and the shelters in the cities of Refugio and Robstown are on standby. TX-TF1 has deployed one swift water rescue boat into the area from the staging area in Choke Canyon.

**DDC 21 – Weslaco** (Includes: Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy Counties) – The DDC decreased to Readiness Level III (Increased Readiness) Saturday afternoon. The Cities of Alton, Donna, Edinburg, Mission, Peñitas, and Weslaco have submitted disaster declarations. Hidalgo and Cameron Counties OEM, and the EOCs in the Cities of Edinburg, McAllen, Mission and Pharr remain activated. Shelters remain open in the cities of Donna, Mission and Weslaco, and one is on standby in La Feria.

**DDC 24 – Del Rio** (Includes: Dimmit, Edwards, La Salle, Kinney, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde and Zavala Counties) – The DDC remains at Readiness Level III (Increased Readiness).

#### **Region 6 (Includes DDCs 11, 12, 17, 18A San Antonio, 18B ARCC/Bexar, and 23)**

**DDC 17 – Victoria** (Includes: Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Lavaca, Jackson and Victoria Counties) – The DDC decreased readiness to level IV (Normal Conditions).

**DDC 18 – AARC/Bexar County** (Includes: Atascosa, Bexar, Karnes, McMullen and Wilson Counties) – Increased their readiness level to Readiness Level III (Increased Readiness). Moderate river flooding continues for the Neches River near Tilden.

#### **RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS**

**Public Utility Commission (PUC)** – The Public Utility Commission continues staffing the SOC. There have been minimal outages to report and the PUC will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as information becomes available.

**Texas A&M AgriLife Extension (AgriLife)** –Texas A&M AgriLife County Extension Agents personnel are available to support the local EMCs with the activation of the Companion Animal and Livestock Sheltering Capabilities.

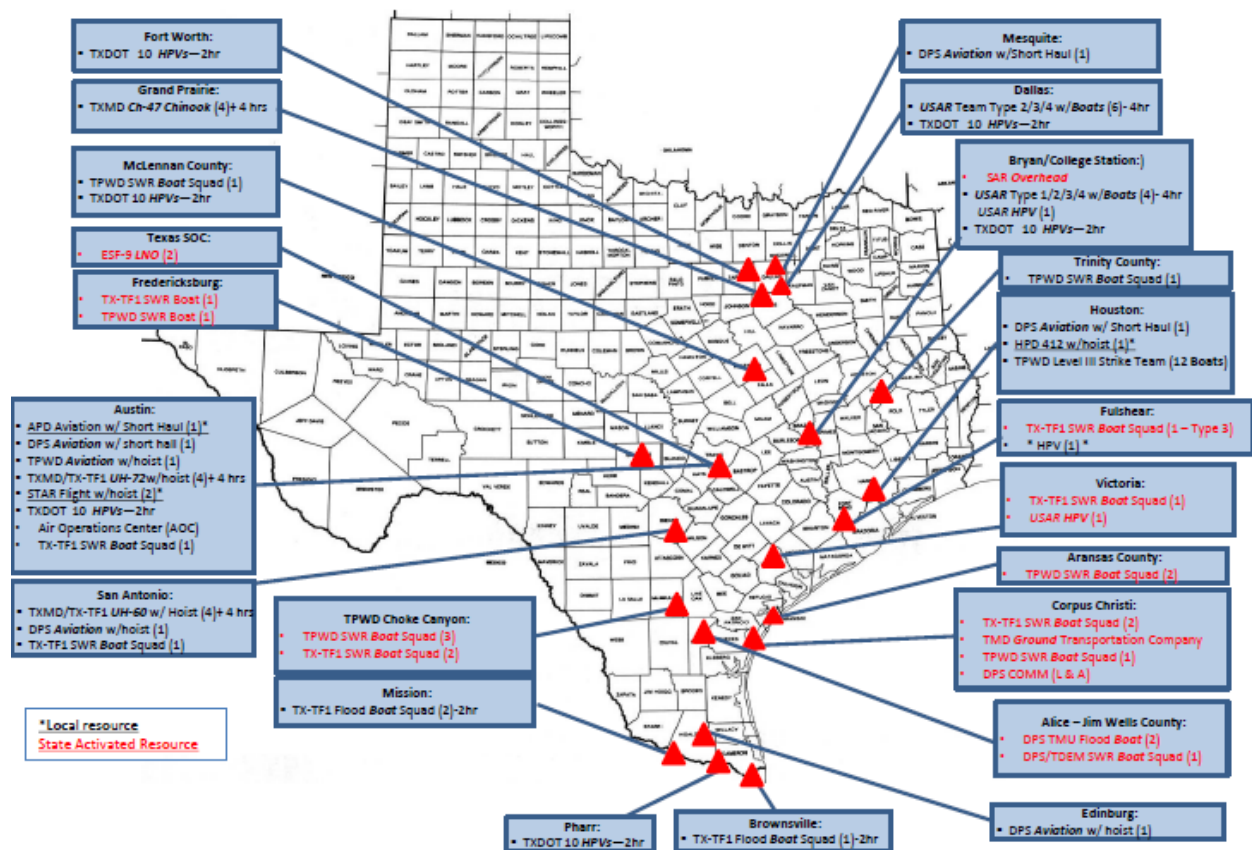
County Extension Agents from across a 32-county area from Victoria, San Antonio, and Laredo continue to remain in contact with county elected officials and emergency management personnel related to any needs or issues associated with animal sheltering.

Extension personnel have notified farm and ranch operators to move livestock and farm equipment from low lying areas to avoid/minimize flood damages.

Agency web and media communications personnel have finalized updating the web and social media resources and published news releases related to preparedness public information and education. Agency personnel have been activated for state resource coordination at the State Operations Center in Austin. Agency personnel have been supporting efforts to locate water pumping equipment at the request of SOC.

**Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Texas Task Force – 1 (TX-TF1)** – Emergency Support Function-9 (ESF-9) is currently staffing positions in the SOC and have sixteen search and rescue boat teams staged to support local resource request as necessary.

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**Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS)** – Currently staffing positions in the SOC, the personnel staffing DDCs 17 and 21 have been demobilized.

**Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC)** – Currently staffing a position in the SOC and DDC 21 to help maintain situational awareness.



TAHC Regional/Field staff are engaged with local jurisdictions, producers and ranchers, and DDC contacts to maintain situational awareness, determine readiness and needs, and support preparatory activities as necessary.

TAHC emergency management, regional, and administrative personnel continue to monitor weather and field conditions across the state. All TAHC field personnel have been assigned or placed on stand-by status to respond to local requests in their assigned jurisdictions.

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)** – Currently staffing positions in the SOC.

**Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA)** – Currently staffing positions in the SOC.

**Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ)** – Currently staffing positions in the SOC.

**Office of the Attorney General of Texas (TXOAG)** – Currently providing support in the SOC.

**Texas Department of Family Protective Services (DFPS):**

Child Protective Services (CPS): The majority of our DFPS foster homes, relative kin caregivers and licensed foster homes in the impacted areas have been contacted and are safe. The remaining homes have received messages from caseworkers to ensure they are safe and are following emergency evacuation procedures. CPS requested information regarding counties in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia which are most likely to be impacted by the storm in order to prioritize their efforts to begin checking on Texas children in foster care placements in those areas. This information was provided to CPS through coordination at the SOC.

Adult Protective Services (APS): No new updates. APS isn't reporting any challenges and has been able to maintain normal operations.

Statewide Intake (SWI): No new updates.

**Texas Department of Housing and Community (TDHCA)**: Currently staffing positions in the SOC.

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)**: Two TxDOT employees remain activated in the SOC. The TxDOT EOC has shut down operations. The Pharr District EOC has shut down operations as of 9:00 PM Saturday night. All requests for the transportation of water pumps and sandbagging equipment to DDC 21 were completed. TxDOT is processing the request for transporting the demobilized USACE pump equipment. TxDOT will continue monitoring roadways for high water and providing traffic control, barricades and detours as needed.

**Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Texas Highway Patrol (THP)** – THP is currently monitoring conditions in affected areas related to the potential for heavy rain and flooding. THP Tactical Marine Unit (TMU) personnel are on stand-by and are staged at various locations around the state. The TMU Rescue Swimmers are prepared to deploy with DPS Aviation and the TMU swift water rescue teams are on stand-by with boats. Boats are staged at Choke

Canyon, in the Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Valley. The TMU is coordinating with the TPWD and TX-TF1 to potentially stage additional water rescue resources.

THP Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (CVE) troopers conducted 20 bus inspections at four staging locations in preparation for the possible evacuation of citizens. One bus was placed out of service and had to be replaced.

**Texas General Land Office (GLO)** – Currently staffing positions in the SOC. All equipment is fueled, staged and ready for deployment.

**Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)** – HHSC SOC Liaisons and 211 Liaisons have been assigned to the SOC to support the state's activities.

Regional Administrative Services (RAS) is making flood preparations for the tropical system. Staff is monitoring conditions and participating on the listen line on the daily SOC calls and are on standby should any additional action be necessary.

Medicaid and CHIP Services (MCS) staff reminded managed care organizations (MCOs) through official notice to review disaster and contingency plans, to report any closures or rerouting of call center or claims work, to maintain daily with HHSC about any members affected or moved, and to continue to review provider network capabilities. No unmet needs at this time. MCS staff are engaged in preparatory activities for potential weather escalation.

HHSC Behavioral Health Services: (BHS) All Local Mental Health and Behavioral Health Authorities, contracted Substance Use Disorder Facilities, Residential Treatment Centers, and Outreach Screening Assessment and Referral Centers remain operational at this time.

Disaster Behavioral Health Services (DBHS) personnel are activated and currently engaged in preparatory activities in anticipation of needing to support local jurisdictions:  
HHSC Regulatory Services Division:

Long-term Care Regulatory (LTCR): No unmet needs at this time for long-term care providers, including nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, intermediate care facilities, and home and community-based services waiver providers. LTCR regional staff are in communication with local DDCs/participating in scan calls. In affected areas of the gulf coast and south Texas, staff are in daily communication with providers to monitor their status.

Health Care Quality (HCQ): No unmet needs at this time for providers, who include hospitals and dialysis centers. No activities to report.

Child Care Licensing (CCL): No unmet needs at this time for providers and no reported incidents. CCL staff were in contact with 24-hour daycare operations and 18 of those operations have voluntarily closed for the weekend as a precautionary measure.

Complaint and Incident Intake (CII): No unmet needs at this time. No activities to report.

Provider Investigations (PI): No unmet needs at this time. No activities to report.

Health & Specialty Care Systems (HSCS): All coastal and potentially impacted inland facilities have logistically prepared for sheltering in place, should there be a need. Facilities have topped off vehicles, generators and fuel storage tanks. Water, food, medication, linen and personal hygiene supplies are stocked. Facilities are providing updates to their staff on weather forecasting and have communicated the potential need to remain at the facility and shelter in place, including professional and administrative staff to support these efforts. There are no unmet needs at this time.

Area Agencies on Aging (AAA): We have called all of our providers and staff are in daily communication with providers to monitor their status.

2-1-1 Texas: Top needs reported by 2-1-1 Texas Information and Referral Network (2-1-1 TIRN) callers remain largely unchanged from yesterday. State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registration (STEAR) remains in the top 10 reported caller needs categories.

As is typically for the end of the week, call volume has declined from yesterday (-10%). The weekday comparison of Friday, September 7th to Friday, September 14th, represents a 1% decline. Call Volume for September 14th: 6,853. Total Call Volume since September 12th: 22,783

**Texas Military Department (TMD)** – Texas Military Department (TMD) currently has 102 personnel, 21 High Profile Vehicles (HPV), and 4 Aircraft on State Active Duty. TMD is currently supporting the State Operation Center and the Air Operation Center. TMD has activated a Ground Transportation Company in support of ongoing flooding operations along the southern Texas coast. Military District Coordinators (MDC) have been assigned to DDC's 17, 18B and 21. One Heavy Rotary Wing MRP and one Light Rotary Wing MRP have been activated to support search and rescue operations with TX-TF1 rescue swimmers.

**Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD)** – Currently, TPWD SAR Boat squads are staged in South Texas and the western Hill Country for possible SAR deployments. Boat squads were actively working water rescues in Aransas County overnight.

**Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC)** – Posted and distributed a Notice to Regulated Industries regarding the storm: <http://www.rrc.texas.gov/media/47624/notice-to-operators-tropical-disturbance-9-14-2018.pdf>. RRC is currently sharing severe weather warning notice on social media and web site. They have also notified legislative leadership and legislative members in impacted areas.

**Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)** – All 4 MISTs were demobilized today. EMTF will retain a STAND BY until later this morning.

Shelter Name	Address	Agency	Status	Population
Memorial Middle School	2610 N Moorefield Rd/ Mission/Hidalgo	ARC	Open	0
First Baptist Church Family Life Center	600 S Kansas Ave/Weslaco/Hidalgo	ARC	Open	0

Pancho Maples FEMA Community Safe Room	1001 Pancho Maples Dr/La Feria/Cameron	ARC	Open	0
Trinity Lutheran Church	808 Louisiana Ave/Corpus Christi/Nueces	ARC	Open	0
City of Donna Recreation Center	307 Miller Ave/Donna/Hidalgo	ARC	Open	0
Refugio Fairgrounds	246 Fairgrounds Rd/Refugio/Refugio	Local	Stand-by	0
Robstown High School	401 E Ave G/Robstown/Nueces	Local	Stand-by	0

**American Red Cross (ARC)** – Staffing positions in the SOC, FEMA Region VI RRCC, DDC 17 EOC and DDC 21 EOC. There are currently 5 shelters open with an overnight population of 7. We have licensed trained health and mental health workers available to assist with replacing medications and durable medical equipment at shelter locations. Continue to have Safe and Well activated for family reunification services. ARC is posting a 24 hour notice for all shelters to close on September 16, 2018 at 12:00PM CST. Four emergency response vehicles (ERV) teams are rostered on standby to deploy. Served 112 meals this period, and 222 to date.

**Feeding Texas** – The food banks that service the Texas Gulf Coast Region are actively communicating with their agencies and making family food boxes. The seven food banks have family food boxes and water ready for distribution.

**The Salvation Army (TSA)** – TSA is actively coordinating with the local emergency management community for any unmet needs.

#### STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Quantity	Status	Resource Location
ARC	Emergency Response Vehicles	4	Activated	Central Texas and Gulf Coast
ARC	Shelter Teams	5	Activated	Cameron, Hidalgo and Nueces Counties
AgriLife	SOC and TAHC	1	Activated	SOC Austin
AgriLife	Personnel, Managers and CEAs	38	Activated	County and District Offices
DFPS	DFPS SOC Liaison	4	Assigned	SOC/Austin
DSHS	AMBUS	5	Standby	Rostered in Region
DSHS	Ambulance Strike Teams (AST)	5	Standby	Rostered in Region
DSHS	Mobile Medical Units Type I/III (MMU)	2	Standby	Rostered in Region
DSHS	Ambulance Staging Management Teams, Type IV (ASMT)	2	Standby	Rostered in Region
GLO	SOC Support	1	Assigned	SOC/Austin
GLO	Boats	10	Assigned	Rostered in Region



GLO	Trucks	18	Assigned	Rostered in Region
HHSC	SOC Liaisons	4	Assigned	SOC/Austin
OAG	SOC Support	2	Assigned	SOC/Austin
TCEQ	SOC Support	1	Assigned	SOC/Austin
TDA	SOC Support	1	Assigned	SOC/Austin
TDCJ	SOC Support	2	Assigned	SOC/Austin
TAHC	SOC Support	1	Assigned	SOC/Austin
TAHC	DDC Liaison	2	Assigned	DDC21 Weslaco
TAHC	DDC Liaison	4	Available	DDC19 Laredo, DDC20 Corpus Christi and DDC 24 Del Rio
TAHC	Local Liaison	17	Available	TAHC Laredo, Beeville & Rockdale Regions
TDHCA	SOC Support	1	Assigned	SOC/Austin
TFS	DDC Support Regional Fire Coordinator (RFC)	1	Demobilized	Released
TFS	DDC Support Planning Team	3	Demobilized	Released
TFS	DDC Support RFC	1	Demobilized	Released
TFS	SOC Support	2	Assigned	SOC/Austin
THP	SOC Liaison	1	Assigned	SOC/Austin
THP	Tactical Marine Unit (Personnel)	38	Available	Various Locations
THP	Tactical Marine Unit (Equipment)	12	Available	Various Locations
TMD	SOC Support	3	Assigned	SOC/Austin
TMD	Meal Support Logistics Section	3	Assigned	SOC/Austin
TMD	TMD Logistics Section Support	3	Activated	SOC/Austin
TMD	Ground Transportation Company	38	Assigned	Corpus Christi
TMD	Ground Transportation Company	27	Assigned	Weslaco
TMD	Military District Coordinator (MDC) 17	1	Activated	Victoria
TMD	MDC 18	1	Activated	San Antonio/ARCC
TMD	Air Operations Center (AOC)	10	Activated	Camp Mabry/Austin
TMD	Heavy Rotary Wing Mission Ready Package (MRP) Personnel	10	Activated	Grand Prairie
TMD	Heavy Rotary Wing MRP Equipment	2	Activated	Grand Prairie
TMD	Light Rotary Wing MRP Personnel	6	Activated	Austin
TMD	Light Rotary Wing MRP Equipment	2	Activated	Austin
TPWD	SOC Liaison	1	Assigned	Austin
TPWD	Strike Team's (Equipment)	68	Demobilized	Released
TPWD	Strike Team (Personnel)	56	Demobilized	Released
TPWD	Airbus 350 helicopter (Equipment)	1	Activated	Austin (DPS TFO Assigned)
TPWD	Airbus 350 helicopter (Personnel)	3	Activated	Austin (DPS TFO Assigned)
TPWD	SAR Boat Squads (Equipment)	7	Assigned	Choke Canyon, McMullen County
TPWD	SAR Boat Squads (Personnel)	9	Assigned	Choke Canyon, McMullen County
TPWD	SAR Boat Squads (Equipment)	2	Activated	Aransas County
TPWD	SAR Boat Squads (Personnel)	9	Activated	Aransas County

TPWD	SAR Boat Squads (Personnel)	3	Assigned	Fredericksburg Armory, Gillespie County
TPWD	SAR Boat Squads (Equipment)	4	Assigned	Fredericksburg Armory, Gillespie County
TPWD	SPP Boat Squads (Equipment)	2	Activated	Mobilized
TPWD	SPP Boat Squads (Personnel)	4	Activated	Mobilized
TPWD	SPP Air Boats (Equipment)	2	Activated	Mobilized
TPWD	SPP Air Boats (personnel))	2	Activated	Mobilized
TPWD	SPP SW Boats (Equipment)	4	Activated	Mobilized
TPWD	SPP SW Boats (Personnel)	4	Activated	Mobilized
TPWD	DDC Liaisons	2	Assigned	DDC 17 Victoria and 21 Weslaco
TSA	Mobile Feeding Units	7	Standby	Various
TxDOT	SOC Support	2	Assigned	SOC/Austin
TxDOT	Water Barrier Teams (Equipment)	7	Demobilized	Pharr
TxDOT	Water Barrier Teams (Personnel)	7	Demobilized	Pharr
TxDOT	Debris Strike Teams (Equipment)	20	Demobilized	Pharr
TxDOT	Debris Strike Teams (Personnel)	22	Demobilized	Pharr
TX-TF1	SOC Liaisons	2	Assigned	SOC/Austin
TX-TF1	SWR Boats (Personnel)	50	Activated	Statewide
TX-TF1	SWR Boats (Equipment)	18	Activated	Statewide
TX-TF1	Flood Boats	7	Activated	Statewide
TX-TF1	High Profile Vehicle (HPV)	2	Activated	Statewide
RRC	SOC Liaison	1	Assigned	SOC/Austin

**Port Status:** As of 4:00 AM, Sunday September 16, 2018 all Texas Ports remain open. Some are open with restrictions.

**United States Coast Guard (USCG) Sector Corpus Christi** – Ports of Brownsville, Corpus Christi and Victoria are in set Port Condition X-Ray which begins planning for preventive measures in advance of a storm. Traffic control measures significantly limiting vessel movement and activities will be imposed if gale force winds are within 24 hours of the port

**United States Coast Guard (USCG) Sector Houston/Galveston** – No change, open to normal traffic.

**United States Coast Guard (USCG) Sector Port Arthur** – Calhoun Port Authority has restrictions due to recovery operations from a previous event. Port of Orange has a 23' draft restriction.

**FINAL COMMENTS:** The State Operations Center (SOC) decreased its readiness level to Readiness Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) as of 7:00 PM on September 15, 2018. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

#### **The four levels of SOC activation are:**

Level I (Emergency Conditions)

Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)  
Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)  
Level IV (Normal Conditions)

*This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at:  
<https://www.dps.texas.gov/dem/sitrep/default.aspx>.*

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